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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a supplement to the previously filed response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004.

The pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

REMARKS

This supplemental amendment adds two new claims 44 and 45 that define applicant's invention in a slightly different manner, still reciting a significant difference over the Martin device cited in the last Office Action. Thus, both new claims require a frame that is adapted to mount at least one toothed wheel "with a portion of said toothed wheel extending rearwardly of said coulter wheel with respect to said travel direction, and a forward portion of said toothed wheel overlapping a rear portion of said coulter wheel to strip soil clods from said coulter wheel." This is the exact opposite of the frame described by Martin, which has the toothed cleaning wheels mounted in front of the discs and thus overlapping the front portions of those discs, as can be clearly seen in Martin's drawings. Thus, toothed wheels mounted on Martin's frame must try to displace debris before it has been cut by the discs and, moreover, kick any debris carried around by the toothed wheels back against the discs, rather than cleaning the discs. Conversely, applicant's invention enables the toothed wheel(s) to displace debris after it has been cut, to kick that debris away from the coulter, and to clean the coulter and the toothed wheel(s) in the process. Thus, the new claims are believed to be allowable over the Martin reference.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees for the two new claims from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 50600-00012USC1.

Respectfully submitted,

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